United States Patent [19	United	States	Patent	[19]
--------------------------	--------	--------	--------	------

Smith

[11] Patent Number:

4,585,908

[45] Date of Patent:

Apr. 29, 1986

[54]		A EN	TRY	AN	ID I	DISF	PLAY	CO	NTRO)L
	_		_				_	_	_	_

[75] Inventor: Louis W. Smith, St. Petersburg, Fla.

[73] Assignee: GTE Communication Systems

Corporation, Northlake, Ill.

[21] Appl. No.: 670,510

[22] Filed: Nov. 13, 1984

[56] References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

30 Peters, Jr	179/84 VF X
34 Pao et al	179/84 VF X
34 Wolf et al	179/90 D X
34 Wolf et al	179/90 D X
35 Wagner et al	179/90 D
	Peters, Jr

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

G. A. Abbink, "Bridging the Worlds of the Deaf and Hearing", Telephony May 24, 1982, p. 76.

Primary Examiner—James L. Dwyer Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Gregory G. Hendricks

[57] ABSTRACT

A data entry and display control circuit for use in a telephone having a keypad and a plurality of features and pushbuttons. Each button can be programmed to execute one of the features. The telephone also includes a microprocessor and visual and audible prompting devices. These devices are operated by the microprocessor in response to prolonged operation of a selected pushbutton. Keypad initiated programming signals are then provided to both identify the feature to be assigned to the selected pushbutton and to control display functions. The microprocessor subsequently causes the assigned feature to be performed in response to momentary operation of the selected pushbutton. It also causes the cursor to move in response to the display function control signals.

21 Claims, 2 Drawing Figures

